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of the fact that any German Communists were turned back to the Gestapo under the Nazi-Soviet pact. An article dealing with this subject entitled "El Puente de Brest-Litovsk" (The Bridge of Brest-Litowsk), which appeared in the Spanish language newspaper CMT of 7 April 1949, was shown to source and his comments were solicited. He said that, although that matter was news to him, he had no doubt that it was based on fact and entirely in line with the Soviet policy of opportunism and of sacrificing their own people if they were thus enabled to further some desired end.

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before the signing of the pact, no one in the USSR was permitted to marry a German. After it was signed, there were many marriages to Germans of persons who wished to leave the USSR, in the hope that they would be enabled to escape the country. The German Embassy was crowded with applicants who wished to be returned to Germany. A large number of the Germans as well as of their new spouses succeeded in leaving the Soviet Union. Soviet agents also were sent out in the guise of returnees.

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3. with the signing of the pact, Gestapo agents were lent to the Soviet Union and taught their methods to the NKVD. On the outbreak of war, they were sent to Siberia or to prison in other out of the way places, as were all persons of German blood in the USSR, even those two or three generations removed from Germany.

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